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**Cleaning up the
Soil and
Groundwater at
Hanford**



Environmental Restoration Project

Project Mission

Characterize the nature and extent of contamination in soil, groundwater, river water, sediment, plants, and animals. Select and implement cleanup actions for soil and groundwater that are protective of human health and the environment, maintain protection over time, and minimize untreated waste.

The Environmental Restoration Project oversees the cleanup of contaminated soil, groundwater, and small buildings throughout the Hanford Site. The project scope includes the closure of some treatment, storage, and disposal waste sites.

This effort involves working closely with the U.S. Department of Energy (USDOE), its contractors, and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). We ensure the cleanup of the soil and groundwater meets the environmental regulations and requirements of Washington State.

The project not only provides regulatory oversight, but also provides professional recommendations for cleanup in the areas of hydrogeology, engineering, management, and budget concerns. Ecology works very closely with USDOE and EPA to find the best and most cost effective methods of cleaning up the environment.

We also act as an information resource and strive to make sure information is shared in a timely manner. Lastly, Ecology serves to keep lines of communication open between USDOE and the public, ensuring that public concerns are heard.

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